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AMENDMENT TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NUMBER: RFI-H1N1V-9/3/09-EMW

DATE: 9/8/09

OPENING DATE: 9/10/09

AMENDMENT #: 3

OPENING TIME: 2:30 pm ET

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To Provide: The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Office of Public Health Preparedness is submitting a Request for Information (RFI) seeking to enhance its current nursing staff to further assist in administering the 2009-10 seasonal influenza and H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic vaccines. The intent of the RFI is to identify professional medical staffing agencies with a sizeable pool of nursing personnel (RNs and LPNs with an active, unencumbered South Carolina license or an active license in a compact state).

The referenced RFI is amended as follows:

Questions and Answers

1. Will DHEC provide the vaccine and other necessary medical supplies to administer the vaccine?

Answer: Yes

2. Will DHEC coordinate the various sites where the vaccine will be administered?

Answer: Yes

3. Will agency staffing personnel work 8 hour shifts?

Answer: The duration of different vaccination clinics will probably vary, but staffing personnel will work no longer than 8-hour shifts.

4. If you don't get enough providers by the deadline, will you allow other providers to be added?

Answer: There has not been a formal solicitation released so the deadline for submitting information was set for our review of the available participants only.

5. Are there certain facilities already designated for the vaccines to be given? If so, can you please name them? If not, can you please give a general reference of locations, major cities, types of venues, i.e. public school buildings, neighborhood clinics, businesses, etc?

Answer: The eight DHEC regional offices are currently working on identifying the locations for vaccination clinics. Some vaccinations will be given in public school buildings.

6. When you say hourly/as needed, is there a minimum number of hours a nurse would work at a vaccine location? How likely would it be for a nurse to be asked to show up to a vaccine facility and work for less than four hours? Would a nurse be asked to work for one hour only?

Answer: The duration of different vaccination clinics will probably vary, but it is unlikely that a nurse would be asked to work at a clinic for less than four hours. Flu clinics will not last less than an hour.

7. Will you be issuing an RFP or an RFQ following the RFI? If so, do you know the date of issue for the follow-up request?

Answer: At this time, DHEC has not set an official date for the next step in the procurement process; however, we hope to complete our review of the responses within the next few weeks.

Offerers/Bidders must acknowledge receipt of this amendment by signing and returning this form prior to the official bid opening date and time or include this signed form with bid response. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this amendment may result in rejection of your offer.

Company Name

Name of firm's representative

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Date

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